GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir. The Tenth Five Year Plan on exploration and production is on the anvil.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Performance of PSU oil companies

113. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to set up a panel to review the performance of the PSU oil companies;

(b) if so, what will be the composition of such a panel;

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) what are the parameters under which these will be working and the benefit of such panel for the PSU oil companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Sale of LDO by Reliance

†114. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LDO manufactured by Reliance is being sold in various parts of the country in the name of diesel;

(b) if so, whether public sector oil companies are suffering heavy losses due to same;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to take any step to stop it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Superior LDO is being marketed in various parts of the country by the Reliance Petroleum Limited. It is sold as Superior LDO and not as diesel. Public Sector Oil Companies are free to sell similar product in the market.

Supply of natural gas to APL

115. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to supply natural gas to Assam Petro-chemicals Limited (APL) at the same rate of Rs. 600.00 per 1000 Standard Cubic Meter (SCM) of gas, agreed to supply to Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) for Gas Cracker Unit of Assam; and

(b) whether the Oil India Limited (OIL) is instructed to sign such an agreement with APL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.